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**MEMORANDUM TO ALL: JUDGES, UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURTS
CLERKS, UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURTS
BANKRUPTCY ADMINISTRATORS**

SUBJECT: Extension of Chapter 12 of the Bankruptcy Code
(IMPORTANT INFORMATION)

On December 19, 2002, the President signed into law H.R. 5472 (P. L. 107-377, 116 Stat. 3115), extending chapter 12 of the Bankruptcy Code for six months, beginning January 1, 2003. Chapter 12 of the Bankruptcy Code was scheduled to expire on January 1, 2003, pursuant to section 10814 of public law number 107-171.

Chapter 12 was originally enacted as an emergency measure in the mid 1980s, and thus had a sunset provision. It has been temporarily extended many times by Congress. Bankruptcy reform bills debated during the 107th Congress contained provisions to make chapter 12 a permanent feature of the Bankruptcy Code. We will apprise you of any further developments regarding chapter 12 that occur during the 108th Congress.

Should you have any questions about these developments, please contact Francis S. Szczebak, Chief, Bankruptcy Judges Division (*Frank Szczebak/DCA/AO/USCOURTS*) or Amanda Anderson (*Amanda Anderson/DCA/AO/USCOURTS*) at (202) 502-1900, or Mary Louise Mitterhoff (*Mary Louise Mitterhoff/DCA/AO/USCOURTS*) at (202) 502-1540.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Leonidas Ralph Mecham".

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